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### STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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Application No./Patent No.: 08/952,981 Filed/Issue Date: March 23, 1998

Method for Reproducing In Vitro the RNA-Dependent RNA Polymerase and  
Entitled: Terminal Nucleotidyl Transferase Activities Encoded by Hepatitis C  
Virus (HCV)

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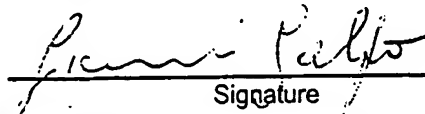
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